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for

PIPE BODY AND FORMING METHOD OF THE SAME

Title

Enclosed are:

xx 54 sheets of ____ informal xx formal drawings.xx Oath or declaration of Applicant (photocopy).xx A power of attorney (photocopy).

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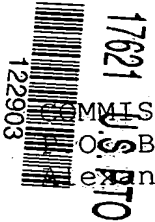
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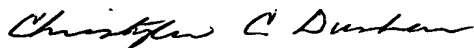
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